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2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description:
pages 1-15 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:
pages 17 as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages 16, filed with the letter of 07 May 2004 (07.05.2004)

the drawings:
pages 1-3, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. 4

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-3 AND 5-9</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-3 AND 5-9</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-3 AND 5-9</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach in a clear manner forwarding a request to the most recently idle process.

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 meet the industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4). In this case, the above mentioned invention is used in a computing system, such as a client-servers environments for serving, allocating and scheduling client request among a plurality of servers, reducing latency access time retrieval therein.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A method for scheduling transactions within a computing system, comprising the steps of:
 - 5 - receiving a transaction request from a client,
 - determining the idle server process that most recently finished execution of a previous transaction, and forwarding the transaction request to the most recently idle process.
- 10 2. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the most recent finish time and the status of a server process.
- 15 3. A method in accordance with claim 1 or 2, whereby the method is implemented as a sub-module within a gateway process module, whereby the gateway module is responsible for receiving transaction requests from a client, and allocating the requests to server processes.
- 20 ~~4. A method in accordance with claim 3, the method further comprising the step of storing the most recent finish time and the status of a server process.~~
- 25 5. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, wherein the method is implemented as a software module arranged to operate in an enterprise application environment.
- 30 6. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, wherein each server process interacts with a separate central processing unit.
7. A system for scheduling transactions within a computing system, comprising:
 - a transaction request means arranged to receive a transaction request from a client;

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